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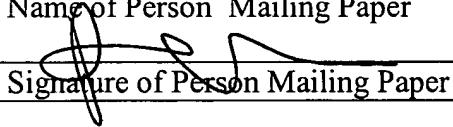
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 26, 2003, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested. A method of detecting a precancerous lesion resulting from a mucosal papilloma virus infection in an organism, the method comprising the steps of: obtaining contacting in vitro a sample of the organism's cells from the site of potential infection; contacting the cells with a molecule that binds specifically to mucosal papilloma virus- E4 protein; and monitoring said binding

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the “Listing of the Claims” which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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